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Successful Launch - Energy Council's Young Professionals Program

Hello from the Ottawa Office.

I am very pleased to report that our Young Professionals Program was launched on May 9 as part of the conference in Regina on *Multiple Pathways to Clean Energy: Canada's Western Provinces*. The primary goal of this new program is to contribute to the development of Canada's future energy leaders presently working in our member organizations.

Attending the launch of the program at a breakfast meeting on May 9 were eight young professionals from four of our member companies together with executives from their companies and members of our Executive Committee. A roundtable discussion following breakfast identified ways that the Young Professionals Program could be of benefit to them.

Young Professionals Program

This initiative will provide our member organizations with an opportunity to further develop their young professionals by selectively engaging them in Energy Council events. We believe that the events and activities organized by the Energy Council of Canada, and the ongoing studies undertaken by the World Energy Council, provide excellent opportunities for development of our members' young professional staff.

The young professionals will be engaged in future programs of Energy Council events, they will also be connected to the studies and study teams led by the World Energy Council and the WEC's *Future Leaders Program*. Additionally, they have been joined together via a Linked-In network operated by the Energy Council of Canada.

Expected Benefits

I see several benefits for our Member organizations and their young professionals. By participating in our events and activities, the young professionals will broaden their knowledge and awareness of issues and challenges affecting the energy sector in Canada. They will have opportunities to meet and converse with Canada's energy leaders at our events and activities, and the Young Professionals social media network will connect each participant with people with similar interests. Looking ahead, they will have a channel for sharing their views and expectations for the energy sector at future Energy Council events.

Welcome Additional Members

Participation in this program is available to all member organizations of the Energy Council of Canada.

It was a great experience to meet the first eight young professionals in Regina and to see this program roll-out as part of our commemoration of Canada's 150th anniversary.

With best regards,

Graham Campbell
President,
Energy Council of Canada